



Kalamazoo
Public Library



introducing 1,2,3 play with me: a parent/child workshop

Kalamazoo Public Library is honored to be designated a Family Place Library. Family Place Libraries™ is a network of children's librarians nationwide who believe that literacy begins at birth, and that libraries can help build healthy communities. The Family Place Libraries™ network currently includes more than 300 sites in 23 states and continues to grow.

Beginning in January, KPL will introduce 1,2,3 Play with Me: A Parent/Child Workshop. Designed for children ages 1-3, these workshops will provide parents and caregivers an opportunity to spend time interacting with their child as they learn through play. Local child development specialists will be available for one-on-one chats on early childhood growth and health topics. Registration is required and space is limited. Call 553-7804. Infant and preschool siblings may attend with a registered toddler.



1,2,3 Play with Me: A Parent/Child Workshop

— Mondays —

January 6, 13, 20, 27 & February 3
10:30 am – 11:45 am, OSH, Ages 1-3

— Wednesdays —

February 5, 12, 19, 26 & March 5
10:30 – 11:45 am, CEN, Ages 1-3



kpl seeks community members to join our antiracism transformation team

Kalamazoo Public Library envisions itself as an institution that will consider antiracism in all of its decision-making and actions, and has made the commitment to long-term antiracism work through the formation of an Antiracism Transformation Team. By the authority of the KPL Board of Trustees, this team will provide leadership, direction, and coordination of antiracism work by investigating and recommending revisions to external and internal policies and procedures, addressing internal commitment, and supporting and engaging staff and the community in building an antiracist identity and culture for the institution.

In early 2014, applications will be available for individuals interested in volunteering for this team. The team will undergo 10 days of instruction and skill-building related to understanding systemic racism, identifying internal barriers and strategic planning. Members will be asked to dedicate themselves to antiracism work within our institution for a minimum of three years.

To learn more, please
contact Terry New
at 553-7931

mid-winter bag-of-books sale

Saturday, January 25
9 am – 3:30 pm



"Friends Bag Sale" could be the first entry on your brand-new 2014 calendar. The sale takes place on the third floor of Central Library and is open 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Buy bags full of books at the special price of only \$2.00 per bag! We will have paper grocery bags available, but we encourage you to bring your own reusable bag. As always, you will find fiction, science fiction, romance, children's books, assorted nonfiction, CDs, videos, and audiobooks. Thousands of books arranged by category will be available to choose from. Come check out our amazing selection at an unbeatable price! We look forward to seeing you there. Call 553-7820 with any questions.

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events



books

Urban Fiction Book Discussion

Tues, January 28, 6 pm, POW

This popular street lit group will talk about *Get Money Chicks* by Anna J. Pick up a copy of the novel at Powell desk. Refreshments.

history & genealogy

® Genealogy Lock-In

Fri, January 17, 6-10 pm, CEN

Our after-hours event for genealogists returns! Research in the new expanded Local History Room. Take advantage of free copying and printing. Registration begins December 30; call 553-7808 or register online.



Whatever Happened to Idlewild?

**Thurs, February 6,
6:30 pm, CEN**

Coy Davis Jr., will present his documentary "Whatever Happened to Idlewild?" Davis will host a discussion about this historic site.

KPL is currently searching

for those who have stories about and/or photos of Idlewild and would like to be filmed sharing them as part of the presentation. Call 553-7842 if interested. Presented in partnership with the Southwest Michigan Black Heritage Society.

® Intro to Genealogy

Tues, February 11, 6 pm, POW

Learn how to start compiling your family tree through databases like Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, KPL's index to local publications, plus important print sources, major collections, and more. Call 553-7808 to register.

music

Mustard's Retreat

Wed, January 15, 7 pm, CEN

Mustard's Retreat (David Tamulevich and Michael Hough), met in Ann Arbor, MI in 1974, as short order cooks, both on hiatus from their studies at the University of Michigan. Discovering a mutual interest in music, writing and performing, they put together 3 songs one day after work, and took them to the legendary Ark Coffeehouse's open mic night. They were a big hit, and, on the spot, were invited back to do a 45-minute set 2 weeks later. Within a year-and-a-half they had both quit the restaurant and were doing music full-time. Thirty-seven years later, they have 9 highly acclaimed recordings of their own, plus 2 more CDs with their songwriting collective, The Yellow Room Gang.

Mustard's Retreat has performed more than 4,000 shows over those years, traveled more than 1 million miles and in doing so, have earned a dedicated and loyal following, many of whom have been coming to hear them since the 1970s. Michael and David joke on stage about attracting people "with long attention spans", but it is what Mustard's Retreat gives them that turns audiences into such loyal fans.



® Registration required.
Call location listed or
register online starting
30 days before event.

& More

KPL Digital Collections 101

Thurs, January 9, 6 pm, CEN

Learn more about KPL's wide array of digital collections and services and get your questions answered by the library's resident experts in all things digital. Curious about ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, Freegal (free music downloads), Zinio (digital magazines), or hoopla (our exciting new streaming video and audio service)? Come ask the experts at this interactive program.



Couponers' Exchange

Thurs, January 9, 23, February 6, 20, 5 pm, EAS

Interested in saving money and sharing your couponing ideas with others? If you are

a coupon clipper, bring the ones you won't use and exchange for ones you will.

Ask a Lawyer

Thurs, January 9, 6 pm, CEN

Fri, January 10, 11:30 am, CEN

Tues, February 4, 6 pm, POW

Fri, February 14, 11:30 am, CEN

Free legal clinics for persons of low to moderate income with Bar Association lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, divorce, and family law. For a free 20-minute appointment, call: Central Library, 553-7920. You may make only one appointment per four months. Clinics do not include follow-up. Further consultation must be negotiated with an individual attorney.



Tea 101

Tues, January 14, 6 pm, WSQ

Kelly Zajac of Tudor House Tea & Spice will give a brief history of how tea was discovered and became part of everyday life for most people around the world. She will also talk about the different types of tea, how to prepare it, and its benefits. And the best part: we'll sample three different teas!

African Soups & Stews

Tues, February 4, 6:30 pm, POW

Kama Mitchell from the People's Food Co-op will create West African Groundnut Stew, Ethiopian Doro Wat (spicy chicken stew with hard-boiled eggs,) Chapati (an unleavened flat bread originally from India), and dessert.

The Romantic Muse

Tues, February 25, 6:30 pm, OSH

Join Arnie Johnston and Deborah Ann Percy for an evening celebrating love – they'll perform short plays, poetry, and songs.

Free Tax Prep

Wed, February 26, 10 am – 3 pm, CEN

Free tax preparation for those with household income under \$52,000 in 2013, prepared by IRS-certified VITA tax volunteers. Walk-in site. Call 211 or visit kpl.gov/tax-info to learn what to bring. You may also use a self-assist station to e-file your own taxes.

® Beginning Yoga

Tues, January 21, 6 pm, EAS

Join us for a beginning yoga class led by Bailey Mead, RYT. This gentle class will provide an introduction to the basics of yoga, focusing on simple stretching postures using breath and awareness while building strength and flexibility. The class will end with quiet guided relaxation. Bring a yoga mat and dress comfortably. Registration required.



2014 Reading Together

meet the
authors!



Tracie McMillan • Wednesday, March 5, 7 pm
Kalamazoo Central High School Auditorium

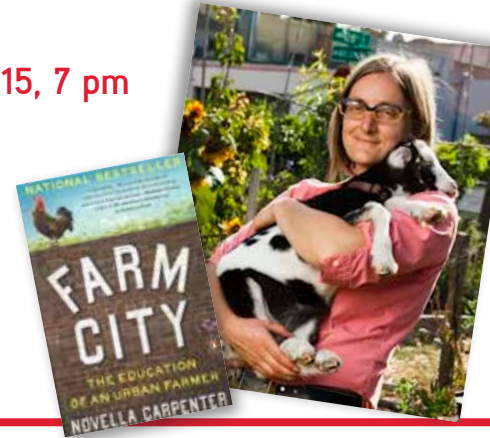
Award-winning journalist, Michigan native and author of *The American Way of Eating: Undercover at Walmart, Applebee's, Farm Fields and the Dinner Table*, Tracie McMillan will share her experiences in California farm fields, the produce aisle of a Detroit Walmart, and the kitchen of a New York City Applebee's on her path to discovering the origins of the food on our plates.

Michigan News Agency will
sell copies of both books at
the author visits.

For more information about
these and other 2014 Reading
Together programs, visit
readingtogether.us.

Novella Carpenter • Tuesday, April 15, 7 pm
Kalamazoo Central High School Auditorium

Farming is not the typical occupation for most urbanites – unless you are Novella Carpenter. Hear how she converted her ramshackle, weed-choked backyard in inner-city Oakland to an efficient farm complete with vegetables, turkeys, ducks and pigs. A true-life testimonial of the possibilities of a self-sustaining lifestyle!



new this
year!

For more information
about these, or any other
Reading Together events,
please email karensm@kpl.gov,
call 553-7895 or visit
readingtogether.us.

**Look for
Reading Together
at the March 7
Art Hop!**

two opportunities for community partners to
promote their food-related events and services:



Side Dishes

If your organization
is hosting a program
or event in March
or April that
pairs nicely with
this year's Reading

Together offerings, we
invite you to submit it as a Side Dish!
Side Dishes will be featured on the Reading
Together website (readingtogether.us), and
can also be displayed on your organization's
website with a Side Dish web badge.

Partners Potluck

Have printed materials about your
organization included at a literature table to
be featured at every Reading Together event.

**They're baaaaaack!!!
Reading Together buttons!**

Find out how you
can get yours!



readingtogether.us



tween/teen

DIY Learn Manga with Mark Crilley

Sat, January 11, 1:00 pm, *Grades 1-4*
and 2:30 pm, *Grades 5-12*

Meet Mark Crilley, author of *Brody's Ghost*, *Miki Falls*, *Akiko* and the *Mastering Manga* drawing series. Mark will provide a hands-on drawing event. Featuring anime, manga, comics and fun. Books for sale and signing from Bookbug during the event.

Tape It!

Thurs, January 16, 4 pm, EAS
Mon, January 27, 4 pm, POW
Thurs, January 30, 4 pm, WSQ

Choose from a rainbow of colored and printed tapes that will make your creative energy soar! Samples, instructions, supplies provided. You supply the creativity! Gr 5-12.

Doctor Who Party

Sat, January 18, 2 pm, OSH

Calling all Whovians! Dress as your favorite time lord, companion, or monster, and join us for some wibbly-wobbly timey-wimey activities and snacks! Fans of all ages welcome.

J-Pop Club

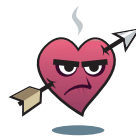
Mon, January 20, 3:30 pm, CEN
Mon, February 17, 3:30 pm, CEN

Enjoy Japanese Anime, manga, Pocky and food. Drop in any time during the event! Gr 7-12.

Anti-Valentine's Party

Mon, February 10, 4:30 pm, POW

Drop in and make your own cards. Decorate a tee shirt. Enjoy some not so festive Valentine's treats and music. Gr. 5-12.



Pizza & Pages

Thurs, February 20, 4 pm, EAS,
Orange Houses, by Paul Griffin
Tues, February 25, 4 pm, POW,
Jumped, by Rita Williams-Garcia

Stop by the EAS and POW desks and pick up a copy of the selected book. Take it home, read it, then discuss it over pizza! Gr. 5-12.

Chess Challenge

Sat, January-February, 1-3pm, OSH

Stop by the Oshtemo Library on Saturday afternoons for some informal chess matches. Chess boards provided. Share your expertise and learn from others!

DIY Graphic Novels with Paul Sizer

Fri, January 3, 2 pm, CEN

Join local comics pro Paul Sizer, author of *Moped Army* and *Little White Mouse*, and learn what it takes to make your own comics. No experience necessary, all materials will be provided. Gr. 5-12.

Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.)

Mon, January 6, February 3, 3:30 pm, CEN

Plan programs and service projects, discuss books, movies, music, and web sites, eat snacks, play games, and have fun! Gr 6-12.

Winter Warm Up

January, Tuesday-Thursday,
4-6 pm, CEN, TEEN AREA

Relax in the Teen Area this winter! We have plenty of space to do your homework, use the computers and hang out with friends. Take a break with drop-in games. Enjoy hot chocolate and snacks!

TEEN Filmmaker Festival

Sunday, February 23, 2014
2:30 pm, State Theatre

Films Due

Saturday, January 18, 2014

Calling all teen filmmakers: The 11th Annual Teen Filmmaker Festival is looking for the best teen-produced and directed films! Three expert judges will award prizes for the best films in a variety of categories. Submit films and entry forms to the Central Teen Desk by Saturday, January 18th. A jury will screen every film entered and select the finalists for screening at the festival. For a complete set of rules, format requirements, official entry form, and tips on making your film, visit www.kpl.gov/teenfilmfest.

Then, on February 23rd, come to the State Theatre in downtown Kalamazoo for the Filmmaker Festival! The finalists will be screened at this special event open to movie fans of all ages. Audience members will vote for a People's Choice award, and there will be plenty of movie snacks! Sponsored by Kalamazoo Public Library, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Public Media Network, and Campaign Pictures.



family place workshops



® 1,2,3 Play with Me: A Parent/Child Workshop

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27, & February 3, 10:30 –
11:45 am, OSH, 1-3 years**

**Wednesdays, February 5, 12,
19, 26, & March 5, 10:30 –
11:45 am, CEN; 1-3 years**

Spend time together, play,
make friends, and talk one-
on-one with specialists in
child development during
this enjoyable five-week
workshop. For children 1 to
3 years and their parents
and caregivers. Registration
required, call 553-7804. Infant
and preschool siblings may
attend with registered toddler.

® Registration required.
Call location listed or
register online starting
30 days before event.

Ⓜ Space limited; ticket required.
Pick up FREE ticket at host
location starting one week
before event; one ticket per
person. Call location with
any questions.

kids

Winter Crafts for Kids

Thurs, January 2, 2 pm EAS, all ages

Make a calendar or other festive winter
crafts. Snacks included.

® Miss Lisa: Stories and Dance

Thurs, January 2, 10:30 am, WSQ

Movement and stories for preschoolers!
Wear comfortable clothing. Registration
required. 3-6 year-olds.

Movie and Popcorn

Fri, January 3, 2 pm POW

Enjoy *The Croods* with friends and treats!

® Marble Run Mania

Fri, January 3, 11:30 am, CEN

Put your STEAM skills to the test by creating
a marble run! Registration required.

LEGO at the Library

**Sat, January 4 and February 1,
10:30 am, OSH**

Wed, January 15, 4:30 pm, POW

Tues, January 21, 6:30 pm, WSQ

**Sat, January 18 and February 15,
10:30 am, CEN**

Thurs, February 27, 4:30 pm, EAS

Build, create, imagine with other LEGO fans.
Bricks provided, from Duplo to expert builder.
Kids and caregivers welcome.

First Saturday

January 4, 2-4 pm, CEN

February 1, 2-4 pm, CEN

Take your family to the library the first
Saturday of every month! Enjoy stories,
activities, guests, and door prizes! In January,
enjoy art activities with the KIA in partner-
ship with their Fantastic Rumpus exhibit.
In February, we'll celebrate KPL's Family
Place Library designation with stories and
hands-on activities provided by our friends
at the Southwest MI chapter of AEYC.

® Read with Bailey

Wed, January 8, 15, 22, 29,

4-5:30 pm, EAS

Enjoy a "pawsitive" reading experience.
Read to Bailey, the loveable Schnoodle dog.
Registration required. Call 553-7811.

Baby Talk

Wed, January 8, 15, 22, 29, 1:30 pm, OSH

Wed, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 1:30 pm, OSH

Talk about care of babies up to one year with
other parents. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.



Toddler Talk

Wed, January 8, 15,

22, 29 10 am, OSH

Wed, February 5, 12,

19, 26, 10 am, OSH

Toddlers play while adults share the joys and
challenges of parenting 1-3 year olds with
parent educator/facilitator.

Manga with Mark Crilley

**Sat, January 11, 1:00 pm, Grades 1-4
and 2:30 pm, Grades 5-12**

Meet Mark Crilley, author of *Brody's Ghost*,
Miki Falls, *Akiko* and the *Mastering Manga*
drawing series. Mark will provide a hands-
on drawing event. Featuring anime, manga,
comics and fun. Books for sale and signing
from Bookbug during the event.

Little Scientists

Mon, January 13, 10:30 am, CEN, 3-6 yrs

Early literacy and STEAM (Science,
Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics)
for preschoolers. Read stories and practice
narrative skills. Explore scientific vocabulary
with crafts and activities.

MLK Day Celebration

Mon, January 20, 4:30-5:30pm, POW

Honor civil rights activist and Nobel Peace
Prize winner the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King,
Jr. Listen to a story and do some activities.
Ages 6-12.

Bookworms

Thurs, January 23, 4:30 pm, CEN

Thurs, February 27, 4:30 pm, CEN

A book club for kids and their grown ups. In January we'll read *The No. 1 Car Spotter* by Atinuke. In February we'll read *Drita My Homegirl* by Jenny Lombard. Books available the 1st of the month preceding the meeting.

From the Heart

February 3-8, Open Hours, All Locations

Drop in during open hours at all branches. Spread a little joy. Help us make Valentines for residents of local nursing homes.

Sid Ellis Storytelling

Tues, February 18, 6:30 pm, POW, family

Local storyteller Sid Ellis will share songs, puppets, stories, and folk tales.

Go for the Gold

Wed, February 19, 4:30-5:30 pm, EAS

Take some time off and celebrate the Winter Olympics by participating in activities, making a craft, and eating some snacks. Ages 6-11.

🐉 Kalamazoo Lion Dance Troupe

Sat, February 22, 1 pm, CEN, family

Celebrate the Year of the Horse! See a 30-foot dragon weave a sinuous Dragon Dance. Then, audience members will participate in telling a traditional Chinese folk tale. In the final act, five colorful lions display their skills in an amazing Lion Dance. Free ticket required. Available one week prior at Central.

🚗 "Drive-in" Movie

Thurs, February 27, 11 am, WSQ, 2-5 yrs

Decorate a cardboard box "car" and then enjoy a short film and snack. For preschoolers and their caregivers. Registration required.

Movie & Snacks: *Ruby Bridges*

Fri, February 28, 2 pm, POW, all ages

When bright six-year-old Ruby is chosen to be the first African-American to integrate her local New Orleans elementary school, she is subjected to the true ugliness of racism for the very first time.

storytimes

Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers. Siblings may attend as guests.

Baby Lapsit

Tues, 9:30 am, CEN

January 7, 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 18, 25

birth-walking

Songs, bounces, and rhymes for babies from birth to walking with their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Baby Steps

Tues, 10:30 am, CEN

January 7, 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 18, 25

walkers-24 months

Rhymes, songs, and books, for little ones from walking to 24 months and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Musical Storytime

Mon, January 27, 6:30 pm, CEN

Mon, February 24, 6:30 pm, CEN

Favorite songs, stories, and special guests with Mr. Bill.

🧘 Yoga Storytime

Mon, January 27, 11 am, CEN, 3-6 yrs

Mon, February 10, 11 am, OSH, 3-6 yrs

Thurs, February 20, 6:30 pm, CEN, 3-6 yrs

Movement and literacy go hand-in-hand in this engaging storytime. We'll read great stories and pair them with yoga poses kids will love. Wear comfortable clothing. Yoga mats or a towel welcome but not required. Registration required.



Family Storytime

Stories and activities designed for birth-5.

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, POW

January 8, 15, 22, 29

February 5, 12, 19, 26

Thursdays, 10:30 am, EAS

January 9, 16, 23, 30

February 6, 13, 20, 27

Thursdays, 10:30 am, OSH

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

February 6, 13, 20, 27

Fridays, 10:30 am, CEN

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

February 7, 14, 21, 28



Cupcake Fun, Plus!

Wed, February 12, 4-5:30 pm, OSH, WSQ, POW, all ages

Thurs, February 13, 4-5:30 pm, EAS, all ages

Drop in and make a Valentine's day card for someone special! Celebrate by decorating a cupcake with frosting and candies.

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director's note



Early in the new year, KPL will launch a new program for infants and toddlers – *1,2,3, Play with Me* – as we become a *Family Place Library*™. More details, including registration information, are on the cover. This new initiative further enhances services to our youngest patrons along with our long-standing infant and toddler storytimes and *Ready to Read*.

Ready to Read began in 1997 as a component of our community's "Healthy Futures" initiative, later absorbed into our Youth Services Department as an early childhood program serving Kalamazoo County families.

Educational research shows that reading aloud to children is the best way to prepare them to learn to read when they enter school. Children who start kindergarten familiar with books are more likely to become good readers and achieve academic success.

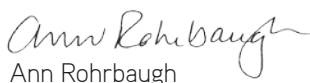
Ready to Read encourages parents and caregivers to read to children from birth to five years old. We collaborate with other organizations serving families to:

- Educate parents about the value of sharing books
- Demonstrate effective ways to choose and share books
- Provide gifts of books to at-risk families along with family literacy guidance
- Introduce families to library resources
- Support adult literacy education for parents and caregivers

Our partners in these efforts include local pediatricians, Dept of Human Services, Healthy Babies Healthy Start, Elizabeth Upjohn Community Healing Center, Michigan Works, Great Start Plus, WMU, Comstock Cares and Kalamazoo County WIC.

Proceeds from the Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee and donations from supporters fund the gift books distributed through our partners.

I hope you are reading to all the children in your life and encouraging frequent library visits. There is no better investment in our community's future.


Ann Rohrbaugh

Central Library – CEN

315 S Rose St, 49007

553-7800

Friends of the Library Bookstore

315 S Rose St, 49007

553-7820

Eastwood – EAS

1112 Gayle Ave, 49048

553-7810

Oshtemo – OSH

7265 W Main St, 49009

553-7980

Alma Powell – POW

1000 W Paterson St, 49007

553-7960

Washington Square – WSQ

1244 Portage St, 49001

553-7970

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